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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2000, setting a thirty day shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1 to 18 are subject to restriction requirement.

REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups has been required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. Claims 1-9, drawn to polynucleotides, vectors and methods of making a recombinant protein using those vectors, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group II. Claims 10 and 11, drawn to polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group III. Claim 12, drawn to antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 388.1.

Group IV. Claim 13, drawn to antagonists, classified in class 514, subclass 2.